

Cause and Effect Essays

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Thesis

- Your thesis should describe:
 - The specific problem and its causes
 - OR
 - The specific problem and its effects
- For example:
 - The rising student drop out rate in high schools is caused by bad teaching methods, economic problems and exposure to drugs.
 - The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico causes losses for touristic businesses, endangerment of species and pollution of the water.

Your Introduction

- Should talk about the issue in a general manner
 - Should establish the context for the issue
 - Should explain the magnitude of the problem
- AND
- Should clarify your thesis regarding the issue

Your paragraphs

- Need to explain each of the causes or effects of the issue
- Must provide details for the causes or effects
- Should include examples of why the issue causes or is caused by the points you propose
- Include a transition before jumping into the next point

Your conclusion

- Should summarize the main points you presented about the issue
- Should remark the importance of the issue

AND

- Should give your final remarks regarding the problem (maybe recommend a solution for it)